

This Week's Schedule | All Are Welcome!

Every Sunday - online worship & printable bulletins available at faithlilacway.org
(After the 9:30 service has streamed, there may be a slight delay)

Sunday, April 3

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary, parking lot, and streaming live at faithlilacway.org.
10:30 AM: Youth are selling mouth-watering treats for their mission trip
10:30 AM: Come and explore scripture through art and poetry and "Sanctified Art"
10:30 AM: Sunday school in classroom 218 (by the chapel)

Tuesday, April 5

2:00 PM: Afternoon Book Club in the library - Bonhoeffer's Life Together, chapter 4

Wednesday, April 6

7:00 PM: Lenten Service: Psalm 23 "God Pursues Us with Grace" by Vicar Kyle Anderson

Sunday, April 10 PALM SUNDAY/ Passion Sunday

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary, parking lot, and streaming live at faithlilacway.org.
10:30 AM: Youth are selling yummy treats for their mission trip
10:30 AM: Adult Education class in the library
10:30 AM: Sunday school in classroom 218 (by the chapel)

+April Mission of the Month is the Youth Mission Trip.

Brazen Beauty (Cover Image)

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Inspired by John 12:1-8

Acrylic on raw canvas with digital drawing

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—Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Full to the Brim

*Brazen
acts of
beauty*



Welcome to worship! | April 3, 2022

NEW CDC Guidelines! We are now in a green zone - which means a low transmission rate for Covid. You are welcome to wear a mask at your own discretion but it is not required.

Holy Communion

All who believe are welcome to commune. **You are invited to come forward to receive communion (wine is red and grape juice is white) and a gluten free wafer - or you may pick up a communion kit (chalices filled with grape juice and gluten free wafers) and receive it in your pew.**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

May we find courage here—

courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.

May we find hope here—

hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.

May we find truth here—

truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.

May we find all that we seek.

And in our seeking, may we know God.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Song *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!

Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love –

leading onward, leading homeward to thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus – spread his praise from shore to shore!

How he loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore!

How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;

how for them he's interceding, watching o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of ev'ry love the best!

'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus – 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee!

Call to Confession

There are very few things as powerful as a group of people that admits they are not perfect and asks for grace as they grow. Imagine what our world might be like if every institution had such a weekly rhythm?

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,

Rising again I bless Your name;

You are my all in all.

When I fall down, You pick me up;

When I am dry, You fill my cup;

You are my all in all.

Refrain

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Blessing

As you go on your way,

may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world.

May you laugh, and may it be contagious.

May you overflow with love for those around you.

May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy.

And in all of your living, and breathing, and being,

may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit,

and may it change your life.

In the name of God, who is the Lover of the whole world, the Beloved,

and Love itself – go in peace, full to the brim.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in grace, grow in faith, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sharing Communion

You are invited to come forward for communion or take a communion kit to your pew.

Anthems Lamb of God
Taste and See

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

Sending Song *You Are My All In All*
You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek;
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jew'l,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool;
You are my all in all.

Refrain

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!**

Prayer of Confession

Let us be brave in our truth-telling and honest in our confession. For we will always be met by grace. Let us pray. . .

Jesus of Nazareth,

We admit we too often tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring: yes we are Christian, yes we believe, yes this faith makes a difference in my life. Too often, we are so afraid of offending others or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules: no faith at the dinner table, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be sharing our faith in you. We want to be brave. We want to pour out perfume over your feet. Give us courage to be your witnesses. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, hear this good news: Even in our silence, God loves us. Even in our fear or shame, God chooses us. Even when we sin, God wraps us in grace. You are free—to be bold, to be courageous, to be loving, to be exactly who God called you to be.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Greeting

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God,
sometimes my waking is a prayer. Sometimes the song I have stuck in my head, rumbling around on repeat, is a prayer. Sometimes the way I talk to the children and the way I hug the dog is a prayer. Sometimes the way I take my phone out to get a picture of the sunset or of the people I love—that is a prayer. Other times, prayer is moments like this—heads bowed, eyes closed, hearts quiet for just a moment. And in all of it, I trust you to hear me. Help me to hear you in return. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Lesson *Isaiah 43:16-21 (NRSV)*

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 43.

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

**Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Gospel John 12:1-8 (NRSV)

The Holy Gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Holy God, Holy and Glorious ELW #637*

Holy God, holy and glorious, glory most sublime,
you come as one among us into human time,
and we behold your glory.

Holy God, holy and powerful, power without peer,
you bend to us in weakness; emptied, you draw near,
and we behold your power.

Holy God, holy and beautiful, beauty unsurpassed,
you are despised, rejected; scorned, you hold us fast,
and we behold your beauty.

Holy God, holy and only wise, wisdom of great price,
you choose the way of folly; God the crucified,
and we behold your wisdom.

Holy God, holy and living one, life that never ends,
you show your love by dying, dying for your friends,
and we behold you living.

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in beauty—
beauty pulled into being by our Creator,
beauty that catches our breath,
beauty that turns us toward awe.
I believe in courage—
courage to believe,
courage to stand up for the people we love,
courage to love without hesitation.
I believe in the Holy Spirit
who prays for us when we cannot,
who is brave for us when we are not.
I believe in Jesus Christ
who stood up for Mary,
who quieted the voice of critique,
who welcomed every bid for relationship.
I believe in God.
I believe in God who believes in us.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

. . . Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring. . . for the sake of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Offering

We worship God by supporting our church and the mission we share. Our mission for the month of April is the Youth Mission Trip.

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving